Tapes of Azhar Masood's speeches in Assam

1434. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government could pin down the person who brought tapes of Maulana Masood Azhar's speeches which flooded various districts of Assam in Mid-January, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the contents of the tapes and its link with ISI activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Replacing outdated communication wireless system

1435. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level panel has been constituted on police reforms in the country;

(b) if so, the details of terms and references and other details thereof;

(c) whether a change in the present communication system in different parts of the country would also be examined keeping in view the systems being used in developed countries like USA and UK;

(d) whether the communication/wireless system being used in metros are outdated and need to be replaced; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to replace them in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) A Committee has been constituted on the 5th January, 2000 to examine and specify the challenges the Police would face in the new millennium including

changes in the weaponary and communication system and to suggest ways and means to meet them adequately.

(d) and (e) The need of upgrading the wireless system in the metros is being increasingly felt as more efficient system like Digital Radio Trunking system are available. Such systems have already been installed in Bombay and Delhi.

Contractors funding militants in J and K

1436. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item titled "Contractors in Jammu and Kashmir funding militants" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 12th January, 2000; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to stop the flowing of such huge funds to militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government are aware of the media reports in this regard. However no concrete evidence has come to the notice of the Government.

Free movement of Pak spies in U.P.

1437. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item titled, "Pak spies operate without checks all over Uttar Pradesh" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the 13th January, 2000; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken to restrict free movement of Pak spies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME